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**To:** State Board of Fire Service

**From:** Chris Fowler, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Fire Fighter I (2013) and Fire Fighter II (2013) Certification Update

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve Update to Fire Fighter I (2013) and Fire Fighter II (2013) Certification

**Background Information:**

The Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II (2019) curriculum and certification was recently updated and is going through the SFT approval process. The new curriculum and certification were developed from national professional standards and meets the needs of the California Fire Service for training content and delivery for entry level personnel.

Several changes were made to the Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification requirements, and the curriculum cadre decided that some of these changes should also apply to candidates who are currently taking or have completed the Fire Fighter I (2013) curriculum.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The Fire Fighter I (2013) experience and task book requirements will be modified to allow candidates to apply for Fire Fighter I (2013) certification at time of academy graduation. This change will put SFT in alignment with POST, EMT, and other states.

- 1) Fire Fighter I (2013) task book will now be required when the applicant applies for Fire Fighter II (2013) certification. Candidates who have completed their Fire Fighter I (2013) task book, will be required to submit it to SFT at time of application for Fire Fighter II (2013) certification.
- 2) The experience for Fire Fighter II (2013) has been modified to match the previous Fire Fighter I (2013) experience requirements which is 6 Months Full time or 1 year part time/volunteer experience.



# FIRE FIGHTER I AND FIRE FIGHTER II (2013) Interim Procedures

Issued: December 2019

## Procedure Changes

- Edition:** January 2019 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual  
**Effective Date:** January 1, 2020  
**Section Change:** Updated sections 7.12.1: FIRE FIGHTER I and 7.12.2 FIRE FIGHTER II  
**Justification:** This Interim Procedure is for the modifications made to the certification process and implementation of the retirement dates for Fire Fighter I (2013) and Fire Fighter II (2013). These changes include moving the Fire Fighter I (2013) task book and experience requirement to Fire Fighter II (2013).

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**Note:** *All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in ~~strikeout~~*

## 7.12: SUPPRESSION

### 7.12.1: FIRE FIGHTER I (2013)

#### 7.12.1.1: Overview

- A. Fire Fighter I includes instruction on how to perform essential and advanced fireground tasks with minimal supervision; use, inspect, and maintain fire fighting and rescue equipment; and perform basic rescue operations and fire prevention and investigation tasks.
- B. Candidates pursuing Fire Fighter I (2013) certification under the requirements listed here must complete all requirements and submit all application materials and fees postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

#### 7.11.1.2: History

- A. Established
  - February 2013
- B. Revised
  - Not applicable
- C. Retired
  1. Scheduled to retire December 31, 2021



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## 7.12.1.3: Prerequisites

- A. Public Safety First Aid (PSFA), Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B), or Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P)
- B. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training that meets the requirements of California Health and Safety Code section 1797.182

## 7.12.1.4: Education

- A. Confined Space Rescue Awareness
- B. Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS-100)
- C. National Incident Management System, An Introduction (ICS-700.A)
- D. Fire Fighter I, Wildland Fire Fighter, and Hazardous Materials Fire Responder Operational
  - 1. This training is verified on the Fire Fighter I Training Record (or an equivalent agency form).
  - 2. This record must be kept on file in the applicant's agency and should not be submitted to State Fire Training (SFT).

## 7.12.1.5: Certification Exam

- A. ~~Fire Fighter I written exam~~ Cognitive Exam Module(s)
  - 1. ~~This exam includes Fire Fighter I, Wildland Fire Fighter, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations.~~ NFPA 1001: Fire Fighter 1
  - 2. NFPA 472 or NFPA 1072: Awareness and Core Operations level: with Product Control and Personal Protective Equipment Mission Specific Competencies
  - 3. NFPA 1051: Wildland Fire Fighter 1
- B. ~~Fire Fighter I psychomotor skills exam~~ Psychomotor Skills Exam Module(s)
  - 1. ~~This exam includes Fire Fighter I, Wildland Fire Fighter, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations.~~ NFPA 1001: Fire Fighter 1
  - 2. NFPA 472 or NFPA 1072: Awareness and Core Operations level: with Product Control and Personal Protective Equipment Mission Specific Competencies
  - 3. NFPA 1051: Wildland Fire Fighter 1

## 7.12.1.6: Certification Task Book

- A. ~~Fire Fighter I Certification Task Book~~ Not applicable.



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**Note:** Applicants who have started or completed their Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Task Book, should retain it to meet the requirements for Fire Fighter II (2013) Certification Task Book requirements (**See 7.12.2.6: Certification Task Book**).

## 7.12.1.7: Experience

- A. Fire Service (one of the following three options) Not applicable
  - 1. Have a minimum of six months' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
  - 2. Have a minimum of one year's volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
  - 3. Have a combination of full-time paid and volunteer or part-time paid experience equal to six months' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
    - i. Volunteer or part-time paid to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' volunteer or part-time paid = one month full-time paid)
- B. A Fire Fighter academy does not count towards experience.

## 7.12.1.8: Position

- A. Appointed to the rank of Fire Fighter Not applicable

## 7.12.1.9: Application

- A. See 7.2.43: Application Process—~~With a Certification Task Book.~~

## 7.12.1.10: Maintenance

- A. Not applicable

## 7.12.2: FIRE FIGHTER II (2013)

### 7.12.2.1: Overview

- A. Fire Fighter II includes instruction on fire fighter safety; hoses, nozzles, and appliances; rescue; fire control; fire protection systems; and fire prevention and investigation.



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- B. Candidates pursuing Fire Fighter II (2013) certification under the requirements listed here must complete all requirements and submit all application materials and fees postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

## 7.12.2.2: History

- A. Established
- February 2013
- B. Revised
- Not applicable
- D. Retired
1. Scheduled to retire December 31, 2021

## 7.12.2.3: Prerequisites

- A. Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) certified Fire Fighter I

## 7.12.2.4: Education

- A. Fire Fighter II
1. This training is verified on the Fire Fighter II Psychomotor Skills Exam Summary Sheet (or an equivalent agency form).
  2. This record must be kept on file in the applicant's agency and should not be submitted to SFT.

## 7.12.2.5: Certification Exam

- A. None

## 7.12.2.6: Certification Task Book

- A. Fire Fighter I Certification Task Book
1. Applicants who submitted their Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Task Book with their Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Application, do not need to resubmit.
  2. Applicants who did not submit their Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Task Book with their Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Application, will need to submit a completed Fire Fighter I (2013) Certification Task Book.
- B. Fire Fighter II Certification Task Book



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## 7.12.2.7: Experience

- A. Fire Service (one of the following three options)
  - 1. Have a minimum of ~~one year~~ six month's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
  - 2. Have a minimum of ~~two~~ one years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
  - 3. Have a combination of full-time paid and volunteer or part-time paid experience equal to ~~one year~~ six month's full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
    - i. Volunteer or part-time paid to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' volunteer or part-time paid = one month full-time paid)
- B. A Fire Fighter academy does not count towards experience.

## 7.12.2.8: Position

- A. Appointed to the rank of Fire Fighter

## 7.12.2.9: Application

- A. See **7.2.43: Application Process**—~~With a Certification Task Book.~~

## 7.12.2.10: Maintenance

- A. Not applicable